



A PROCLAMATION

*Calling out the half of the Foot Militia in some Shires,
and the Fencible Men in others; and for Seasing Horses
and Arms.*



WILLIAM By the Grace of God, King of Great-Britain, France and Ireland. Defender of the Faith, To the Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren Heralds, Macers of Our Privy Council, Purlevants, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, Conjunctly and Severally, specially Constitute Greeting; Forasmuch, as the Protestant Religion, Security of Our People, and Peace of Our Dominions, are now in eminent Danger and Hazard, by an Invasion designed from France; wherein if Our Enemies should Succeed, Our good Subjects would be Exposed to all the Mischiefs and Cruelties attending a Forreign Invasion, Accompanied with Insurrections at Home: And We Considering, how much Our Zeal to the Protestant Religion, Our Care and Concern for the Welfare and Prosperity of Our People, doth Require a speedy and effectual Preparing; and having in Readiness a suitable Force and Power within this Our Kingdom, for the present Exigence, to Withstand and Defeat the Attempts of Our Enemies from Abroad, or the Insurrections of evil disposed Subjects at Home; And likewise Considering by the Twenty sixth Act Parliament One thousand six hundred sixty three, There is a Militia of Foot and Horse, Established in the several Shires of this Kingdom, by the Proportions therein set down, to be Employed expressly for Suppressing any Forreign Invasion, and Intestine Trouble and Insurrection; Have thought fit at this time, to Call out the one half of the Militia-Foot of the Shires after-mentioned, to be Rendevouzed at the Places, upon the Days, and under the Command in manner after-specified. Therefore, We with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, for the better and more ready Raising and Out-putting, and Implying the one half of the said Foot Militia, of the Shires after-mentioned; Have Nominated and Appointed the Persons after-named, to be Collonels, Lieutenant-Collonels, and Majors for the said half of the Foot Militia, for the Shires after set down, viz. The Earl of *Lauderdale* as Collonel, Sir John Clerk of Pennicock to be Lieutenant-Collonel, and Alexander Burnet of Carlops as Major, For the Shir.

Shire of *Edinburgh* The Lord *Belhaven* to be Collonel, the Laird of *Prestoun-Grange* Lieutenant-Collonel, and Ensign Robert Sinclair as Major, For the Shire of *Haddingtoun*. Sir John Home of *Blackader* as Collonel, Sir Robert Stuart of *Allanbank* Lieutenant-Collonel, and Captain Alexander Cockburn of *Duns* as Major, For the Shire of *Berwick*. Patrick Murray of *Livingstoun* as Collonel, James Pringle of *Torwoodlie* Lieutenant-Collonel, and Sharp of *Houstoun* as Major of the half of the Militia-Foot, of the Shires of *Linlithgow*, *Peebles* and *Selkirk*. The Master of *Burghlie* as Collonel, Arnot of *Auchinmoor* as Lieutenant-Collonel, and Hay younger of *Naughtoun* as Major, For the Eastern division of *Fife*. The Earl of *Mortoun* as Collonel, Douglass of *Strahendre* Lieutenant-Collonel, and Orrock of *Balram* Major, For the Shire of *Kinross*, and Western division of *Fife*. And the Provost of *Edinburgh* as Collonel, Lieutenant Robert Keith as Lieutenant-Collonel, and Captain James Lindsay in the Lord *Lindsays* Regiment as Major, For the Town of *Edinburgh*, *Cannongate* and *Leith*, and Suburbs. And hereby Require and Command the Commissioners of Supply, (whom We by thir Presents Nominat and Appoint to be Commissioners of the Militia for that Effect) within the Shires of *Linlithgow*, *Edinburgh*, City and Suburbs of the same; *Haddingtoun*, *Berwick*, *Selkirk*, *Peebles*, *Fife* and *Kinross*, to Meet and Conveen upon *Munday* the Ninth day of this currant Month of *March*, And there to Nominat the Captains, and other Inferior Officers, who are to be Persons well Affected to Our Government, and Qualified according to Law, before they Enter to Command the half of the Foot Militia now to be put out and Rendevouzed within the saids respective Shires: and immediatly to give Notice and Intimation to the severall Persons so Nominat by them, of the Charge and Command they are appointed to in the said Foot Militia: Declaring the Plurality of the saids Commissioners who shall Conveen upon the Day foresaid, a sufficient *Quorum* to Act and do every thing necessary in the Premises: with Certification to such of the Commissioners who shall not meet, they shall be proceeded against for their neglect, conform to the Acts of Parliament made anent the Militia. And We with Advice foresaid, Require and Command the Persons who shall be Nominat by the saids Commissioners, to Command the half of the Foot Militia, as Captains or other inferior Officers to Accept of the said Command, & Attend the Places & days of Randevouz after mentioned: And further till they be Discharged under the Pains contained in the Acts of Parliament made thereanent, *viz.* A Captain of Foot under the pain of a Thousand *Merks*, a Lieutenant or Ensign of Foot Five Hundreth *Merks*: And sicklike, We with Advice foresaid, Require and Command all Heretors and others lyable, to Outreik and Furnish any Foot Militia within the Shires Above named to have their Number and Proportion of the same ready, with Ten Days Pay, at six pence *per diem*, and send them to be Rendevouzed and brought together upon the Twelfth Day of the said Month of *March* at the Places Respective following, with the best Armes they have, *viz.* These for the Shire of *Linlithgow* at *Evan-bridge* the said Day, These for the Shire of *Edinburgh*, at the Links of *Leith* the said day. These for the Town of *Edinburgh*, *Leith* and *Cannongate*, and Suburbs thereof at *Bruntsfield* Links day foresaid. These for the Sheriffdom of *Haddingtoun* at *Beanstoun-moor* the said day. These for the Sheriffdom of *Berwick* at *Fogo Moor* day foresaid. These for the Sheriffdom of *Selkirk* at the Town of *Selkirk*

kirk the said Day. And these for the Sheriffdom of Peebles upon the Town Green of Peebles day foresaid. And the half of the Foot-Militia for the Shires of Fife and Kinross as follows, viz. These of the Shire of Kinross, and the Presbyteries of Dumfermling and Kirkcaldie, at the Links of Burntisland, and the Presbyteries of St. Andrews and Cowper at the Links of Leven, day foresaid, Where they are to be Exercised and kept together by the Captains and other Officers during the said space of Ten days, as Orders shall be sent to them from time to time; with certification to every Heretofore or other Person, who are Bound and Obligated in the Outreik of the half of the foresaid Foot-Militia within the Shires before express, they shall now in the time of War be liable to the double of the Fines and Penalties to which they are obnoxious in the time of Peace, for Absence and Deficiency of every Person to be Outreiked by them, conform to the first Act Parliament One Thousand six Hundred Seventy two; And for the more effectual Opposing and Defeating of the said intended Invasion: We with Advice foresaid, Require and Command the haill fencible Men within the Shire of Wigtoun, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, and within the Sheriffdoms of Air, Dumbarton, Lanerk, and Renfrew, within three days after Intimation hereof, to meet and Rendezvouz with their best Arms within their several Paroches, under the Command of the Officers formerly Nominated and Appointed for that Effect: And there to Exercise themselves and be in readiness to March with necessary Provisions, as they shall be required by further Orders from Us or Our Privy Council to that Effect. And for the better Incouragement of such as shall attend the said Rendezvouz and present Service, and that they shall be no other ways imployed or further troubled, but to Serve in withstanding and resisting the present Invasion: We with Advice foresaid, Declare and give Assurance, that none of the foresaid Persons now called out, shall at any time after the present exigence is over, be looked upon, or reckoned as Lifted Soldiers, or ever seized or troubled any manner of way whatsoever, upon the account of their being imployed in this present Service; But their being Dismissed and sent Home shall be a sufficient Pass and Security to them, without farther Exoneration. And in regard, there are several of Our Subjects who have not qualified themselves according to Law, whose Horses above the Rates allowed them by the Acts of Parliament and Arms may be either seized upon by the Enemy, in case an Invasion shall happen, or otherwise mis-imployed to the prejudice of Our Service. Therefore We with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, Require & Command the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of the Stewartries, Baillics of the Regalities, and Magistrats of Burghs within this Kingdom, to seize upon the Horses and Armes belonging to any of Our Subjects in their respective Jurisdictions, who have not sworn the Alledgiance, and Subscribed the same with the Assurance to Us; In whose keeping soever the saids Horses are, being above the Rate of an Hundreth Merks Scots; And that they cause the saids Horses to be kept, and sufficiently taken care of in safe and Secure Places, at the Expense of the Owners thereof, until they shall be called for by Our Privy Council, and given to Sufficient Ryders, and Horsemen to be Imployed in Our Service. And We with Advice foresaid, Require the several Sheriffs, and other Magistrats above-mentioned, to make Report to Our Privy Council, what Horses and Arms are seized by any of them, and to whom they did belong, & where they have Disposed thereof for the present, to be Securely
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keept for the Service of Our Government; betwixt and the Sixteen Day of *March* Curreant, as they will be Answerable at their Peril, to the Effect Our Privy Council may send their further Orders, how to bestow or Dispose upon the saids Horses, according to the Exigences or event of the present Occasion. **OUR WILL IS HEREOFRE,** And We Charge you strictly, and Command, that Incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and to the Mercat-Crosses of the remnant Head-Burghs of the severall Shires and Stewartries within this Kingdom, and there in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation make Intimation hereof that none pretend Ignorance; and Appoints Our Solicitor to transmit Printed Coppies hereof, to the Sheriffs and Stewart-Clerks of the haill Sheriffdoms and Stewartries within this Kingdom; with Coppies to be transmitted by the said Sheriff and Stewart-Clerks, to the Ministers of the severall Paroches within their Bounds, and Ordains the Sheriff and Stewart-Clerks to cause Publish this present Proclamation at the Mercat-Crosses upon the first Mercat-day after it shall come to their hands: And appoints the Ministers of the severall Paroches, to cause Intimat this Proclamation at their Paroch-Churches upon the Fore-noon after Sermon the first **LORDS** Day immediately after the same shall come to their hands: And Ordains these Presents to be Printed.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, the Sixth day of March, and of Our Reign the Seventh year, 1696.

*Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.
G I L B. E L I O T, Cls. Sti. Concilii.*

GOD Save the King.

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